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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CAIRO MEETING OF GODE

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1. EGYPTIANS DO NOT APPEAR OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC OR EVEN NORMALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF MEETING OF FINANCE MINISTERS TO TAKE PLACE TODAY, AUGUST 18, ON FORMATION OF GULF ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT (GODE). WHILE WE HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WAS RESPONSE TO EGYPT'S PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE DRAFT ACCORD, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT OFFICIALS ARE NOT HOPEFUL THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WILL BE OBTAINED.

2. MINFIN ABU ISMAIL HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN GIVEN TASK OF REPRESENTING EGYPTIAN SIDE, WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OR PARTICIPATION OF ANY OTHER MINISTERS. PM SALEM DOES NOT INTEND TO MEET WITH THE VISITORS, AND NEITHER MINPLAN NOR MINECONOMY ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PART IN TALKS. (WE ARE ADVISED THAT MINECON SHAFEI REFUSES TO HAVE FURTHER DEALINGS WITH KUWAITI MINFIN ATEEQI
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AS RESULT OF LATTER'S INTRANSIGENCE AT SESSIONS HELD

HERE IN JULY CONCERNING FORMATION OF GODE).

3. COMMENT. ABU ISMAIL ADMITTED TO EMBOFF EVEING
OF AUGUST 17 THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO
MEETINGS. HE EXPECTS THEM TO BE DIFFICULT AND IS EVIDENTLY
RESIGNED TO BEING UNABLE TO GET EITHER THE ADDITIONAL
FUNDS OR THE INCREASED FLEXIBILITY WHICH HAVE BEEN EGYPT'S
TWO MAJOR GOALS.
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